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NON REFUNDABLE ADVANCE FROM EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to grant a non-refundable advance of Rs.5000/- from the Provident Fund account of subscribers in the Tsunami-ravaged areas;

(b) if so, the criteria set by the Government; and

(c) the details of subscribers who have availed this scheme so far, State-wise and Union Territory-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO)

(a) & (b): Para 68 L of Employees Provident Fund Scheme already provides for a non-refundable advance of Rs.5000/- or 50% of members own contribution, whichever is less, in abnormal conditions such as damage of movable or immovable property by a calamity of exceptional nature such as floods, earth quakes etc.

(c): The details of subscribers whose claims have been settled under Para-68 L are as under:-

Region	No. of Claims settled
Kerala	12
West Bengal	1658
Tamil Nadu	49